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Election Set Up

The Election Set Up chapter outlines the tasks clerks must perform to manage an election using SVRS.

Key Terms

<u>Ballot Style:</u> Ballot Style refers to the unique set of Contests and Candidates that will appear on a given voter's ballot. All voters with this exact same set of Contests and Candidates will have the same Ballot Style in SVRS, regardless of ward. Two voters whose ballots differ by even one Contest will therefore require different Ballot Styles.

Ballot Styles are created in SVRS at the municipal level, either by a Self-Provider or by a Provider for a Relier.

At present, the term 'ballot style' as used in SVRS is different and independent of the external ballot creation software. If your external ballot software generates a different 'ballot style' based on voting wards even if they share the same unique combination of contests and candidates, your external software will generate more 'ballot styles' than those generated in SVRS. SVRS does not create or print the actual ballots.

Contest: A race for elected office or a referendum question.

<u>Election Inheritance</u>: Election inheritance is the concept of sharing election administration across government units using SVRS. For example, the State is responsible for setting up the Spring Primary and Spring Election and the Fall Primary and General Election. Then counties will 'inherit' the election that the State has created to get the benefit of entry done by the State. Self-Providers and Providers on behalf of their Reliers then 'inherit' the election from the County, thus benefiting from the work done at the State and County level.

<u>Election Owner (also known as 'Owner Jurisdiction)</u>: The election owner is the jurisdiction that created the election. An Election Owner will be the State (GAB), a County, or a Municipality, depending on the highest of these levels with a contest on the ballot at the election. School District contests are set up at the County level.

<u>Election Setup Wizard:</u> The Election Setup Wizard collects information about the election, whether you are inheriting an election or creating an election from scratch.

<u>Milestone</u>: Milestones represent major points in the SVRS election cycle that reflect and can affect the status of the election. See the following page for more information about election milestones.

<u>Polling Place Assignment Plan:</u> The Polling Place Assignment Plan (PPAP) is a reusable template that contains information about the wards, workers and supplies used at a polling place. If you group your poll books differently based on the type of election, you may have more than one Polling Place Assignment Plan. For example, you may have one template you use for Spring Elections, and one for Fall Elections.

Reporting Unit: A single ward or grouping of wards that collect and report election results entered into SVRS.

Reporting Unit Plan: Like Polling Place Assignment Plans, Reporting Unit Plans can be created and saved to be used during Election Setup. You must incorporate a Reporting Unit Plan into your election to be able to generate a results set and use SVRS to report canvassing numbers.

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The full SVRS Election Cycle Checklist (see <u>Appendix B</u>) outlines the steps clerks must perform to manage an election using SVRS. This page presents only those steps of the check list needed to set up an election.

SVRS Election Cycle Checklist (Election Set-Up Portion)

Milestones and Activities	Details
 Create or Inherit an Election Counties Inherit the Election from the State; Municipalities Inherit the Election from their County or Counties. 	 Before creating or inheriting an election, verify that you have added Polling Place Locations and created a Polling Place Assignment Plan. Before creating or inheriting an election, verify that you have created a Reporting Unit Plan.
Assign Polling Place Assignment Plan and Reporting Unit Plan.	
2. Check Milestone 1: Election Setup	Milestone 1 is automatically marked complete when the user completes the Election Setup Wizard.
3. Check Milestone 2: Election Active	When Milestone 2 is checked, users can proceed to enter contests and candidates for that election.
☐ 4. Enter Detailed Election Information ☐ ■ Add Contests ☐ ■ Add Candidates	 Before entering a contest for an elected position, you must set up a corresponding Office Type. Clerks only need to create an Office Type for a position once, and can reuse it from election to election.
5. Check Milestone 3: Ballot Setup Finalized Checked to signify that the clerk has accurately entered all contests and candidates for that election.	 Clerks may not make changes to contests and candidates while Milestone 3 remains checked. In an inherited election, the election owner must be the first jurisdiction to check milestone three, followed by any inheriting jurisdictions in the following order: State -> County -> Municipality.
☐ 6. Generate Ballot Styles	Clerks must do this step for voter names to print on poll books.
☐ 7. Check Milestone 4: Ballot Styles Finalized	 Clerks may not make changes to ballot styles while this milestone remains checked. Do not make any changes to District Combos after generating ballot styles and before Election Day. After Milestone 4 is checked, you may begin generating absentee ballots and poll books.

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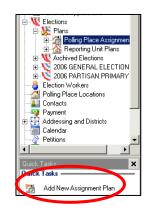
Create a Polling Place Assignment Plan



A Polling Place Assignment Plan (PPAP) is a reusable template listing the polling place locations, election workers, and supplies needed for a certain type of election. You can create and maintain multiple PPAPs if different types of elections use a different number of polling places or different polling place locations.

Prior to setting up a Polling Place Assignment Plan, you should create your Polling Place Locations and (optionally) Election Workers in SVRS. See the <u>Polling Places</u> and <u>Election Workers</u> chapters for more information.

- 1. Expand (+) the Elections node.
- 2. Expand (+) the Plans node.
- 3. Click Polling Place Assignment Plans.
- Click the Add New Assignment Plan Quick Task to open the Polling Place Assignment Plan – Add form.
- In the Assignment Plan Description box, type a name for the Plan.
- **6.** Select the appropriate **District Type** based on the Polling Place Assignment Chart:





Polling Place Assignment Chart

If you have:			If you want this type of resulting	Change this
Ward(s)	Polling Location(s)	Polling Place Assignment	Poll Books*	Choose this District Type
Each ward	In different polling place location	Each Ward assigned to a distinct polling place location (e.g. Ward 1 assigned to Fire Station and Ward 2 assigned to Jefferson School)	1 poll book for each wardAlphabetized by voter nameAll voters in the relevant ward	Ward
Each ward	In 1 polling place location	2 or more Wards assigned to the same physical location. (e.g. Ward 1 assigned to Fire Station, and Ward 2 also assigned to Fire Station)	1 poll book for each wardAlphabetized by voter nameAll voters in the relevant ward	Ward
Multiple wards	In 1 polling place location	2 or more Wards assigned to 1 polling location (Consolidated)	 1 poll book for each polling place location Alphabetized by voter name (Co-mingled across wards) 	Ward then Consolidate Districts (Pg. 7, this chapter)
All wards within an aldermanic district	In 1 polling place location for each aldermanic district	All wards within an aldermanic district vote in the same polling place location	 1 poll book for each aldermanic district All voters within aldermanic district, regardless of ward, listed alphabetically 	Aldermanic
All wards in municipality	In 1 polling place location	Regardless of the number of wards, all voters vote in same polling place location	 1 poll book for entire municipality All voters, regardless of ward, listed alphabetically 	Municipality

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7. Click Save and Close button.



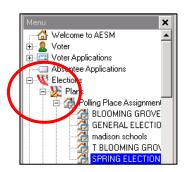
Add Details to a Polling Place Assignment Plan

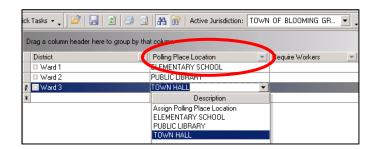


After creating a Polling Place Assignment Plan, you must add details to tell SVRS which voting districts that polling place serves on election day. If you do not, your poll lists will not contain any names.

You may also add details about the election workers and supplies that the polling place needs for an election. Adding election workers and supplies is optional.

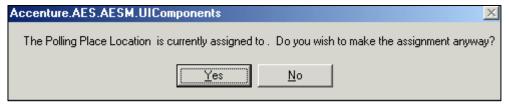
- Expand (+) the Elections node.
- 2. Expand (+) the Plans node.
- Expand (+) the Polling Place Assignment Plans node.
- 4. In the menu tree, click on the name of the PPAP to which you wish to add details.
- 5. Assign a **Polling Place Location** to each district on the grid.
 - a. Click in the first empty box immediately below the **Polling Place Location** field name.
 - b. Click the drop down arrow and select the **Polling Place Location** serving the district listed on that row of the grid.
 - c. Repeat for each District in the grid.





Assigning polling places to an assignment plan affects the poll books for elections using that plan. SVRS will print one poll book for each row in your plan, containing the names of all the voters residing in the district or districts listed in the **Districts** column.

If you add the same polling place to two different Districts, you will receive the following message. Click **Yes** unless the duplicate assignment is a mistake.



Adding the same polling place to two or more districts listed on two or more rows will not produce a single list containing the names of all voters in those districts. To print in a single list, all districts must be added to a single row. To combine voters from different districts on the same poll list, follow the instructions for Consolidating Districts into one Poll List, starting on page 7 of this chapter.

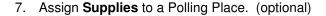


- 6. Assign Election Workers to Polling Place. (Optional)
 - Expand (+) the **District** to which you wish to assign poll workers.
 - Click the Election Workers tab.
 - Click the Recruit icon on the toolbar to open the Recruit pane.

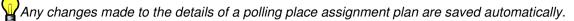


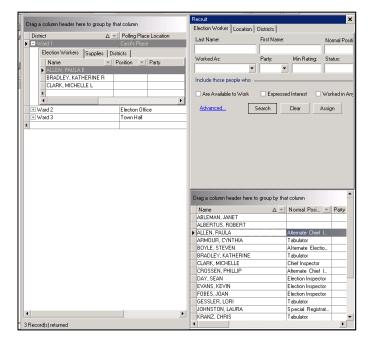
- In the Recruit pane, click the Election Worker tab.
- Click on the name of an Election Worker on the Recruit pane data grid and click Assign.
- Repeat this process for all election workers at each polling place.
- Close [x] the Recruit pane.

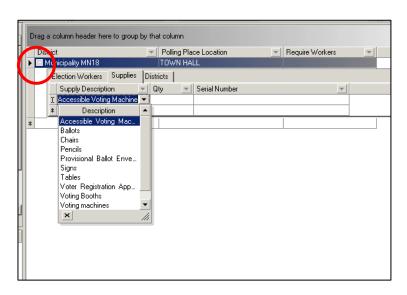
Only people for whom you have added **Election Worker** records will appear in the data grid on the **Election Worker** tab of the **Recruit** pane. See the <u>Election</u> <u>Worker</u> chapter of this manual for directions on how to add these records.



- d. Expand (+) the **District** to which you wish to add supplies.
- e. Click the Supplies tab.
- f. Click in the first blank field in the Supply Description column.
- g. Click the drop down arrow and select a type of supply.
- h. Type an amount of the supply in the Qty box.
- Type a **Serial Number** or other identifying information.
- j. Repeat for each supply at each polling place.
- k. If the supply you wish to add isn't available in the **Supply Description** drop down, you may enter a quantity in the **Qty** column and enter the type of supply in the **Serial Number** field.







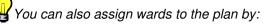


Consolidating Districts into one Poll List



Any time a polling place location is used by multiple wards that report election results as a single unit, those districts can be consolidated within a PPAP. By doing this, the poll books you print will contain the names of all voters in those wards, listed in alphabetical order. If you prefer to have separate poll books for each ward sharing a polling place location, do not consolidate districts.

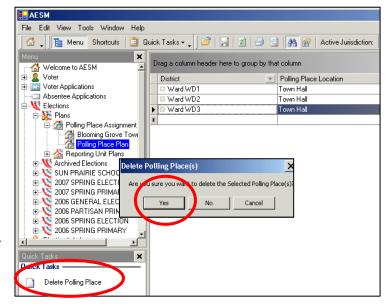
- 1. Expand (+) the Elections node.
- 2. Expand (+) the Plans node.
- Expand (+) the Polling Place Assignment Plans node.
- Click the name of the plan in which you wish you consolidate districts.
- 5. Click on the row in the data grid for one of the **Districts** that you wish to consolidate.
- 6. Click the **Delete Polling Place** quick task.
- 7. SVRS will ask you to confirm your action, click Yes.
- 8. Repeat **Steps 5-7** for all but one of the districts you wish to consolidate.
- 9. Click the **Recruit** icon on the toolbar to open the **Recruit** pane.
- 10. Click the **Districts** tab in the **Recruit** pane.
- 11. In the data grid of the **Recruit** pane, click on the district that you want to consolidate and drag it to the **District** box containing the ward it will join.

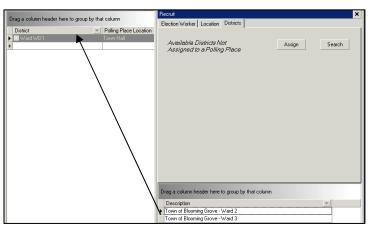


- On the main data grid, click the row where you would otherwise have dragged the districts you wish to consolidate.
- On the **Districts** tab of the **Recruit** pane, click the ward.
- Click Assign.
- 12. Repeat Step 11 until all wards are assigned to a polling place.
 - Cons:, meaning "consolidated" will appear in the **District** box for any row on which you have assigned multiple districts to a single polling place.



13. Close [x] the Recruit pane.







Create a Reporting Unit Plan



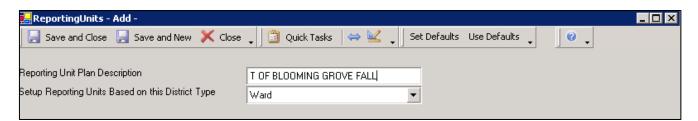
Following each election, municipal clerks report the results of the election to their county clerk. In order to capture election results in SVRS, you must first tell the system how your municipality reports election results. The first step in this process is creating a reporting unit plan.

Reporting units are the ward or combination or wards by which a municipal clerk reports their election results to their county. Reporting units may change from election to election depending on what races are on the ballot. Your county clerk will be able to assist you in determining your municipality's reporting unit(s).

In SVRS, a reporting unit plan acts much like a Polling Place Assignment Plan (PPAP) by allowing you to create a reusable template to which you can add details about how you report election results for a particular type of election. When you create a reporting unit plan for a particular type of election in SVRS it should match with how you report your results to the county for the election.

- Expand (+) the Elections node.
- 2. Expand (+) the Plans node.
- 3. Click the **Reporting Unit Plans** node.
- 4. Click the **Add New Reporting Unit Plan** Quick Task to open the **Reporting Units Add** window.
- In the Reporting Unit Plan Description, type a
 description for your plan. The name can be anything that
 you will recognize as a plan to use for a specific type of
 election.
 - For example, if you report election results differently based on whether it is a Spring or a General election, you would want two plans, one named Spring, and the other named General.





- 6. In the Setup Reporting Units Based on this District Type list, select Ward.
- 7. Click Save and Close.

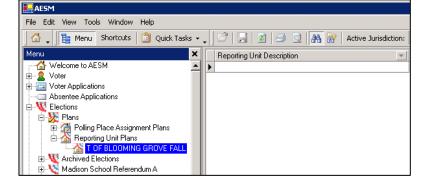


Add Detail to a Reporting Unit Plan

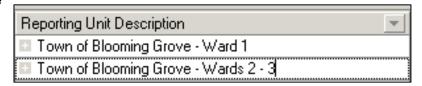


After creating a Reporting Unit Plan, you must add details about your specific reporting units. These details list which ward or group of wards are contained in which reporting unit(s).

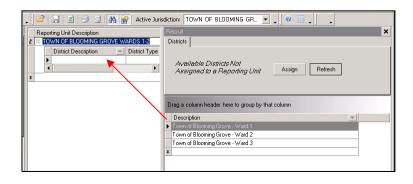
- 1. Expand (+) the Elections node.
- Expand (+) the Plans node.
- 3. Expand (+) the Reporting Unit Plans node.
- 4. Click on the name of the plan to which you wish to add details.



- Click in the first empty box under the column named **Reporting Unit Description** and type in the name of a specific reporting unit.
 - The convention for naming a reporting unit is Municipality name – Ward # (or Wards # - #).



- Repeat this step for your remaining reporting units, entering each name into successive rows on this screen.
- 6. Click the **Recruit** button in the toolbar to open the **Recruit** pane.
- 7. In the Recruit pane, click the **Districts** tab.
- 8. To associate your wards with the correct reporting unit:
 - Click on a district in the Recruit pane data grid and drag it into the box with the name of the Reporting Unit with which you wish to associate that ward.
 - Repeat this step until all wards are associated with a Reporting Unit.





Alternatively, you can assign wards to a reporting unit by:

- On the main data grid, click the row to which you want to add districts.
- On the Districts tab of the Recruit panel, click the ward.
- Click Assign.



Any changes made to the details of a reporting unit plan are saved automatically.



Setting up an Election



In SVRS, you will set up an election in one of two ways: 1) By inheritance, or 2) By creating a new election.

Counties will inherit an election:

Every election at which there is contest for a federal or state office, or a statewide referendum.

Counties will create an election ONLY:

 When there are contests for County or School District offices or referenda and <u>no contests for</u> <u>state or federal offices or referenda</u>.

Municipalities will inherit an election:

- Every election at which there is contest for a federal or state office, or a statewide referendum.
- Every election at which there is a contest for a County or School District office or referendum.

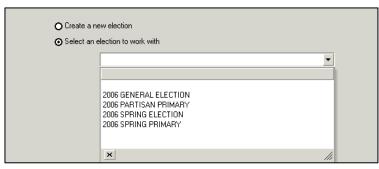
Municipalities will create an election ONLY:

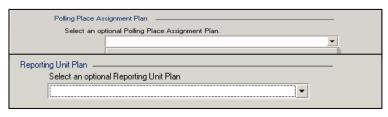
When there are contests for municipal offices or referenda and no contests for county, state or federal offices or referenda.

To Inherit an Election

- 1. Click the **Elections** node.
- 2. Click the **Setup Election** Quick Task to open the **Election Setup Wizard**.
- 3. Select the **Select an election to work with** option button.
- In the Select an election to work with box, click the name of the election you wish to inherit.
- 5. Click Next.
- In the Select an optional Polling Place
 Assignment Plan box, click the name of the assignment plan you will use for the type of election you are inheriting. (Counties will not assign a Polling Place Assignment Plan.)
- In the Select an optional Reporting Unit Plan box, click the name of the plan you will use for the type of election you are inheriting. (Counties will not assign a Reporting Unit Plan.)
- 8. Click Next.
- 9. Click Finish.
 - By finishing the Election Setup wizard, you will be making this election available to work with, and will have automatically checked Milestone #1.





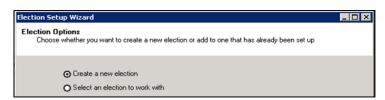


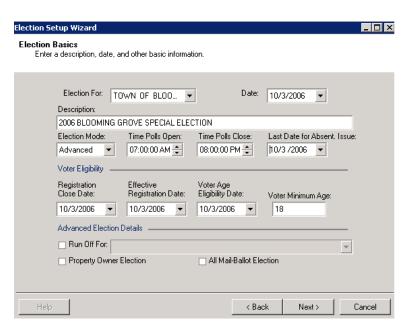


To Create an Election



- Counties should not create an election <u>when there are contests for state or federal offices or referenda</u>. Instead counties should inherit the election from the State. See page 10 for instructions.
- Municipalities should not create an election <u>when there are contests for counties, state, or</u>
 <u>federal offices or referenda</u>. Instead municipalities should inherit the election from the County.
 See page 10 for instructions
- 1. To create an election clicks the **Elections** node on the Main Menu.
- 2. Click the Setup Election Quick Tasks to work within the Election Setup Wizard.
- 3. Click the **Create a new election** radio button.
- 4. Click **Next** to precede to the **Election Basics** input screen.
- 5. Enter the following information:
 - Date: Date of election.
 - Description: Name the election.
 Please start the Description with the year and describe the election type.
 - Election Mode: Leave as Advanced.
 - Time of Poll Open: 7:00 AM
 - Time of Poll Close: 8:00 PM
 - Last Date for Absent. Issue: One day after the election date.
 - Registration Close Date: Set to 20 days before the election date. This will allow SVRS to create a supplemental poll list.
 - Effective Registration Date: Set to 20 days before the election date. This will also allow SVRS to create the supplemental poll list.
 - Voter Age Eligibility Date: Leave defaulted to the election date.

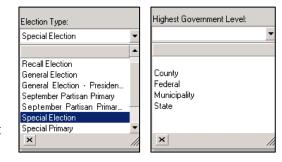




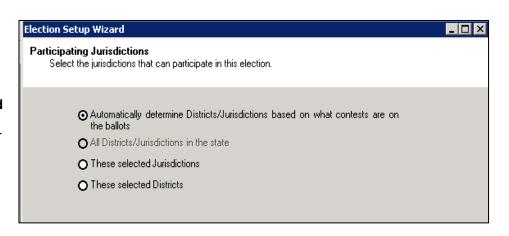
6. Click the Next button to proceed to the Election Detail input screen.



- 7. In the **Election Type** box, select the type of election you wish to create usually **Special Election** or **Special Primary**.
- 8. In the **Highest Government Level** box, select the highest level with a contest on the ballot for that election.
 - Contests for school district offices and referenda are at the County level.



- 9. Select the **Polling Place Assignment Plan** and **Reporting Unit Plan** if setting up at municipal level. Do not select if setting up at county level.
- 10. Click Next.
- 11. On the **Participating Jurisdictions** screen:
 - You may leave the Automatically determine... option button selected if there are any contests for elected office at that election.
 - Use the These selected Jurisdictions button to select a jurisdiction. For example, if you have a special election for a municipal referendum, you would select this button, and then the correct municipality.



Polling Place Assignment Plan

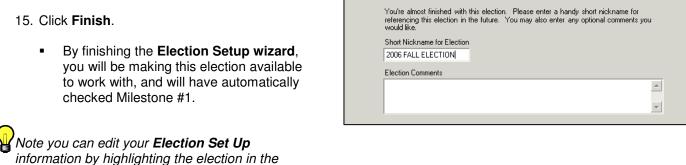
Select an optional Polling Place Assignment Plan.

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- Use the These selected Districts button to select a district. For example, if you have a special school district referendum, you would select this button, and then the correct school district.
- 12. Click Next.



- Type a name in the Short Nickname for Election box.
- 14. Click Next.



Election Setup Wizard

Finish Election



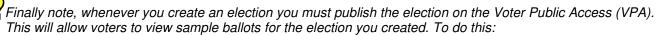
Also note, since the **Registration Close Date** and **Effective Registration Date** must be set to 20 days before the election day when you create an election, once you <u>print poll lists for the election you must then change the Registration Close Date and Effective Registration Date to the actual election date. This will allow you to enter Election Day Registrations. To change registration close and effective registration dates:</u>

a. Click the Elections node.

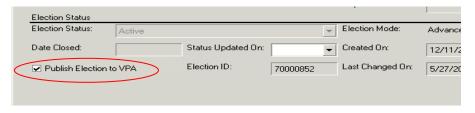
Main Menu tree, and then clicking the **Change**

Election Setup quick task.

- b. Click on the name of the election in the data grid.
- c. Click the Change Election Setup quick task to open the Election Setup Wizard.
- d. In the Election Setup Wizard, click Next.
- e. Change the **Registration Close Date** and **Effective Registration Date** to the date of the election.
- f. Click Next.
- a. Click Next.
- h. Click Finish.



- a. Click the **Elections** node.
- b. Double-click on the name of the election in the data grid, to open the election.
- c. On the Elections Tab under Election Status, check the Publish Election to VPA box.
- d. Click Save and Close.



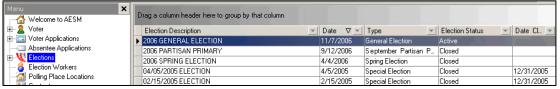


Check Milestone #2 - Activate the Election

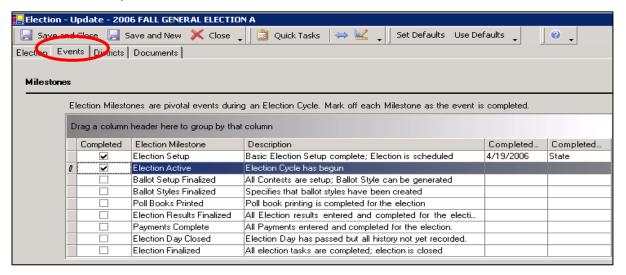


You must check the second milestone - Election Active - for an election before adding any contests or candidates to it.

- 1. Click the **Elections** node.
- 2. In the data grid, double-click the row containing the name of the election for which you wish to set Milestone #2.



3. In the **Election – Update window**, click the **Events** tab.



- 4. In the row reading **Election Active** in the **Election Milestone Column**, select the checkbox in the **Completed** column.
- 5. Click the **Save and Close** button to save the changes.

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Contests



A contest is either a race for elected office or a referendum. Every election must have at least one contest – otherwise, there would be no point! To manage an election in SVRS, you must tell the system which contests there are for that election. SVRS uses the contest information you enter to determine ballot styles, absentee eligibility, and to populate sample ballots on the Voter Public Access (VPA) website.

GAB creates contests for:

- State and federal offices.
- Statewide referenda.

Counties create Contests for:

- County, school district, and technical college offices.
- County, school district, and technical college referenda.

Municipalities create Contests for:

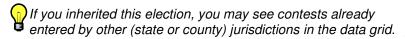
- Municipal offices.
- Municipal referenda.

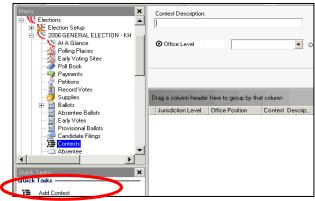
Jurisdictions may share responsibility for:

 Sanitary District, Lake Management District, and Multi-Jurisdictional Judge district contests that occur in multiple municipalities.

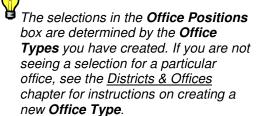
Add a Contest for Elected Office

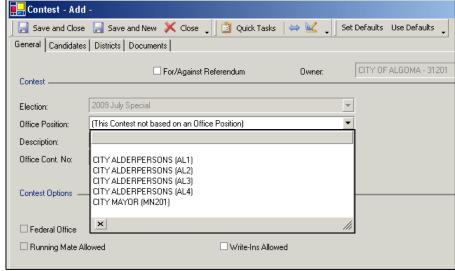
- 1. Expand (+) the Election node.
- 2. Expand (+) the **Election** to which you wish to add contests.
- 3. Click the Contests node.





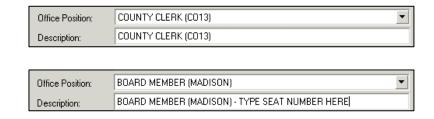
- 4. Click the Add Contest Quick Task.
- 5. In the Office Position box, click the selection for the office type to be elected.



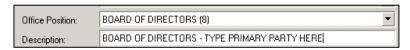




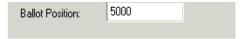
- The **Description** box will default to the selection you made in the **Office Position** box.
 - If this contest is for an office with numbered seats that are elected atlarge, enter the seat number in the Description box.



- o For example, numbered School District seats that every voter in the district votes for.
- If this contest is for a Partisan Primary election, type in the name of the political party in the **Description** box.



- Remember your Contest Description will appear in the sample ballot available on the Voter
 Public Access website. You may choose to add something like "Vote for one," or "Vote for not
 more than three," as appropriate.
- In the Ballot Position box, enter a number corresponding to that contest's place on the ballot



Ballot position numbers should increase from lowest to highest for: state level offices, county level offices, municipal offices, school district offices, special district offices, statewide referenda, countywide referenda, municipal referenda, school district referenda, and special district referenda. The GAB has assigned a range of ballot position numbers for each of those contest types. When you assign the ballot position for your contest, you will pick a number from that range. (See below)

Office Contests Numbering Scheme for Ballot Positions in SVRS:

 State:
 1000 - 4999

 County:
 5000 - 5999

 Municipality:
 6000 - 6999

 School District:
 7000 - 7999

 Special District:
 8000 - 8999

Referenda Numbering Scheme for Ballot Positions in SVRS:

 State:
 9100 - 9199

 County:
 9200 - 9299

 Municipality:
 9300 - 9399

 School District:
 9400 - 9499

 Special District:
 9500 - 9599

- 8. In the Party box, select Non-Partisan.
- **9.** In the **No of Seats** box, enter the number of seats for that contest.
 - This will always be 1 unless the ballot reads Vote for not more than X. In that case, enter whatever X is.
- 10. Click Save and Close.

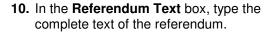




Add a Contest for a Referendum

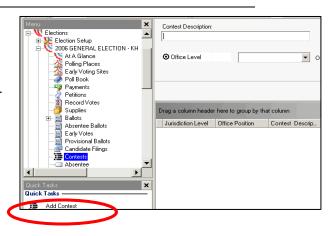
- 1. Expand (+) the Election node.
- **2.** Expand (+) the election to which you wish to add a contest.
- Click the Contests node.
- 4. Click the Add Contest Quick Task.
- 5. Select the For/Against Referendum checkbox.
- In the **Description** box, type a short description of the referendum.
- 7. Leave the Party box set to Non-Partisan.
- 8. Leave the Official Contest No box blank.
- In the Ballot Position box, enter a number corresponding to that referendum's place on the ballot.

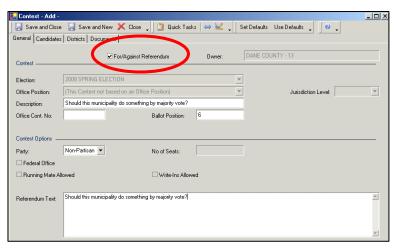
In statewide elections, the GAB will assign a range of **Ballot Position** numbers for referenda. Please see the note on **Ballot Positions** on the previous page.

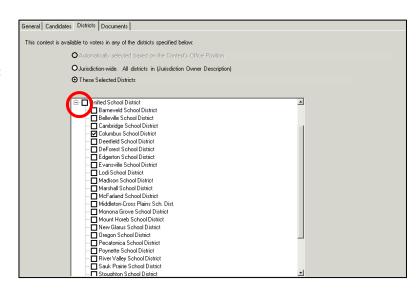


- Remeber your Referendum Description and full text will appear in the sample ballot available on the Voter Public Access website.
- SVRS does not have spell check, so it is a good idea to enter the Referendum Text in a word document, and cut and paste it into SVRS.
- 11. If you are adding a referendum that is not Jurisdiction-wide (for a school district, technical college district, lake management district, or sanitary district):
 - Click the **Districts** tab.
 - Select the These Selected Districts option button.
 - Expand (+) the district type that is having the referendum.
 - Select the district which will vote on the referendum.

12. Click Save and Close.









Search for and Update a Contest



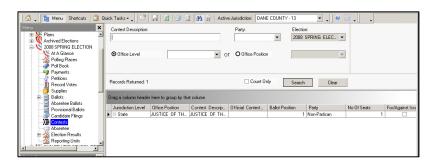
If information changes or you made a mistake, you are able to revisit a contest record to make changes or updates.

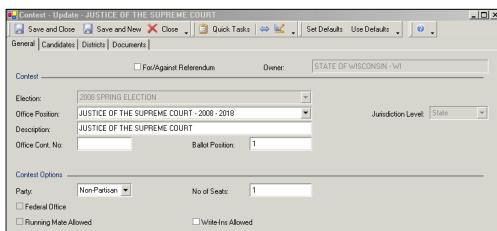
- Expand (+) the Election node.
- 2. Expand (+) the election the contest you wish to change.
- 3. Click the Contests node.
- 4. Contests which have been entered are displayed in the data grid.

Double-click on a record in the grid to open a **Contest** record.

- 6. Make changes to the record.
- 7. Click Save and Close.

Remember that once you have checked Milestone #3, you will be unable to change Contests and Candidates for that election. You must uncheck Milestone #3, make any changes, and recheck the milestone. If you are a county level user, and you need to change a contest or candidate, every municipality in your county must uncheck Milestone #3 before you can uncheck it at the county level.







Candidate Filings



Before adding and approving a Candidate Filing for an election, you must have successfully set up the contest for which the candidate is filing and have a Contact Record for the candidate that is viewable to the jurisdiction adding that candidate. See the Contacts chapter for more information.

Add a Candidate Filing

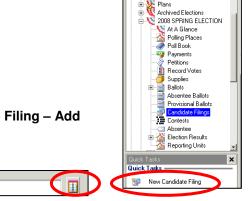
- 1. Expand (+) the Elections node.
- 2. Expand (+) the election to which you wish to add a candidate filing.
- 3. Click the Candidate Filings node.
- Click the New Candidate Filing Quick Task to open the Candidate Filing Add window.

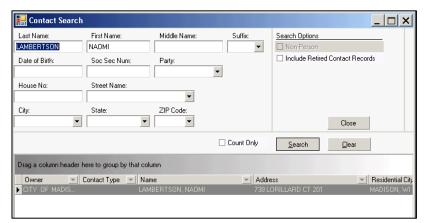
Candidate:

- 5. Click the Address Book Icon the right of the Candidate box to open the Contact Search window.
- In the Last name box of the Contact Search window, type the candidate's last name.
- In the First Name box of the Contact Search window, type the candidate's first name.
- 8. Click Search.
- 9. If the search results include the candidate's **Contact** record, double-click on that row in the data grid.

You can only use the **Contact Search** window to find a contact record that is "viewable" to your **Active Jurisdiction**. If the search results do not include the candidate's **Contact** record, close [x] the **Contact Search** window. You will need to create a new **Contact** record, or open the **Contact** record in its owning municipality and change the record to be viewable at the county or state level. See the <u>Contacts</u> chapter of this manual for more information on creating or editing **Contact** records.

10. In the **Contest** box, click on the contest in which the candidate is running.







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STATE OF WISCONSIN - WI

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Required:

Suppl. Submitted Date:

▼ Completed ▼ Amended... ▼ Req? ▼ Changed... ▼ Changed... ▼

Date Last Changed:

Valid:



- 11. You will only change the Party if you are setting up a candidate for the September or November Election. The Candidate Filing record should now save the Party independently of what is listed in the Contact record.
- 12. The GAB ID# is used rarely, usually only for statewide candidates.
- 13. In the Ballot Position box, type a number corresponding to the candidate's position on the ballot for that contest, as determined by random draw.
- 14. If you use an identifying number for local candidates, you may choose to enter it in the Local Cand No: field.



16. If you choose to track a candidate's filing details in SVRS, you will follow the optional steps below. You will enter data in the Filing Checklist and Nomination Papers sections of the Candidate Filing record, and may choose to print the WI Nomination Paper Receipt, the WI Nomination Paper Sufficiency form, or the WI Nomination Paper Verification. These steps are detailed in the next section.

RandidateFiling - Update - Filing #70038789

LAMBERTSON, NAOMI

738 LORILLARD CT 201 MADISON, WI 53703

Barb's November GE

Non-Partisan ▼

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Statement of Economic Interests

Declaration of Candidacy

Nomination Papers

Pending - Filing Period Open

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Candidate Detail

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Ballot Position

Filing Detail

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GAB ID# 191919

▼ Deadline

7/13/2010

Local Cand No:

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Running Mate

Approximate:

Submitted By:

Staff Responsible:

Created Date: •

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Approx. Pages:

Filing Receipt No:

Supplemental

Nomination Paper Nomination No. of Signature:

Name on Ballot: NAOMI LAMBERTSON

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17. If you do not choose to track candidate filings in SVRS, you only need to enter those candidates who will appear on the ballot. Make sure their Status -Reason is Approved - Approved.



18. Save and Close.



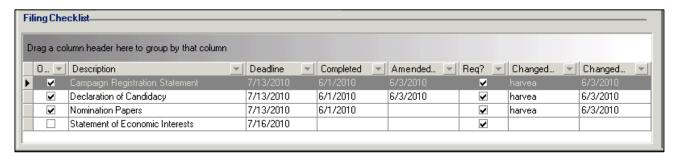
(Optional) Track Candidate Filings Status in SVRS

As of September 2010, the GAB will be tracking Candidate Filing Status in SVRS, including all candidates who register, whether or not they eventually appear on the ballot. Counties and municipalities may choose to track candidate filings here as well.

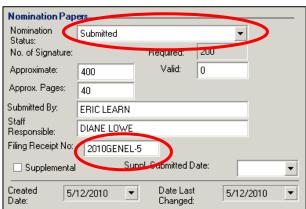
- In the Status-Reason list box, the initial value will default to Pending – Filing Period Open.
- **2.** The **Incomplete Filing** and **Comments** fields may be used as appropriate.



3. If you set up the Office Type to show items under the Filing Checklist, you will see items such as Campaign Registration Statement, Declaration of Candidacy, Nomination Papers, and Statement of Economic Interests. You will also see a Deadline date associated with each item, and a Req? Checkbox indicating if the item is required.



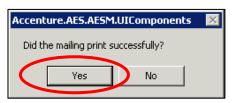
- a. Please note when you set up your **Filing Checklist** items in the **Office Type** record, you must enter the **Description** exactly as shown in order to make the associated reports work.
- b. You must update the filing deadlines in the **Office Type** record every election cycle.
- c. You must check the checkbox at the far left of the item to save changes. The **Completed**, **Changed by User**, and **Changed Date** fields will update automatically. You can manually update the **Completed** or **Amended** columns.
- **4.** Under the Nomination Papers section, the number of signatures entered in the Office Type record will appear in the Required field.
 - You will first select the Nomination Status of Submitted.
 - b. Fill in the approximate number of signatures and pages.
 - c. Type in the person who submitted the petitions under **Submitted By** and your own name under **Staff Responsible**.
 - d. You should not enter a Filing Receipt No. That will be automatically generated by SVRS based on the election and the order in which the filing is received.



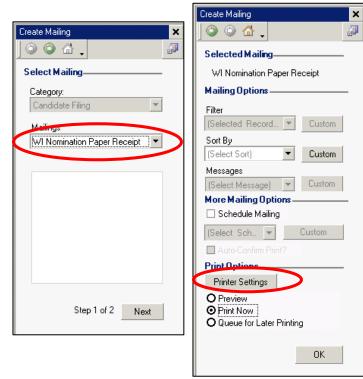
e. If the candidate turns in supplemental signatures, check the **Supplemental** checkbox and select a date in the **Suppl Submitted Date**.

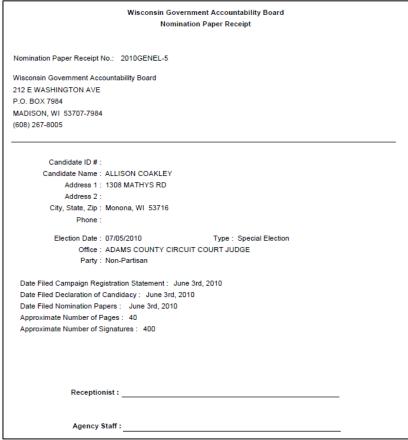


- 5. To print the WI Nomination Paper Receipt:
 - a. Click the Quick Tasks button at the top of the form and select Send Mailing from the Quick Tasks panel.
 - b. In the **Mailings** drop-down, select **WI Nomination Paper Receipt**.
 - c. Click Next.
 - d. You do not need to filter or sort this mailing.
 - e. Check the **Printer Settings** and make sure that the document will be sent to the right printer.
 - Select the **Print Now** button and click **OK**.
 - g. A dialog box will appear asking "Did the mailing print successfully?" Click Yes. There will now be a record on the Activity Tab of the Candidate Filing record that the WI Nomination Paper Receipt was printed.



h. A sample of the report is shown to the right.



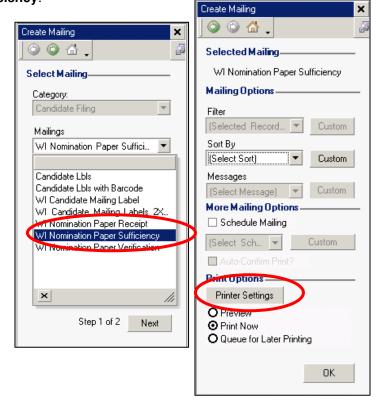




- 6. To print the WI Nomination Paper Sufficiency:
 - a. Click the Quick Tasks button at the top of the Candidate Filings form and select Send Mailings.
 - b. In the Mailings dropdown, select **WI Nomination Paper Sufficiency**.
 - c. Click Next.
 - d. This mailing does not need to be filtered or sorted.
 - e. Check the **Printer Settings** and make sure that the document will be sent to the right printer.
 - f. Select the **Print Now** button and click **OK**.
 - g. A dialog box will appear asking "Did the mailing print successfully?" Click Yes. There will now be a record on the Activity Tab of the Candidate Filing record that the WI Nomination Paper Sufficiency was printed.
 - h. A sample of the report is shown to the right. You will attach this report to the petitions and use it to track several things, including the number of valid signatures. and if the number of signatures is insufficient.
 - Save and Close the Candidate Filing form. You will return to it when the number of signatures have been verified.



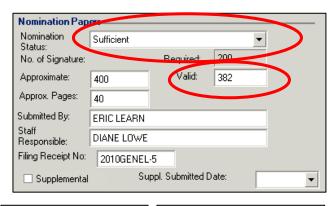
There is also a report available that allows you to print the WI Nomination Paper Receipt and the WI Nomination Paper Sufficiency in one document.

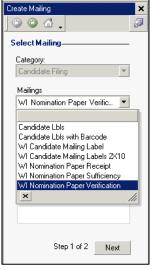


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Nomina	tion Paper Sufficiency	Form	
Receipt No.: 2010GENEL-5			
Candidate ID # :			
Candidate Name: ALLISON COAKLEY			
Address 1: 1308 Mathys Rd			
Address 2 :			
City, State, Zip: Monona, WI 53716			
Phone :			
Election Date: 07/05/2010	Type: Spec	dal Election	
Office: ADAMS COUNTY CI	ROUIT COURT JUDGE		
Party: Non-Partisan			
Date Filed Campaign Registration Statement 3	lune 3rd, 2010		
Date Filed Declaration of Candidacy:	•		
Date Filed Nomination Papers:	lune 3rd, 2010		
Approximate Number of Pages : 4			
Approximate Number of Signatures:	100		
Papers Received from :		Phone :	
Receptionist :			
WECF: D			Ethics:
Agency Staff:			
Sufficiency Determined by :			
Number of Valid Signatures :		_	
If number of signatures is insufficient, indicate p	roblem below :		
Date Candidate Contacted : / /			
Contacted by :	_		
Date of Final Approval : / /	_		_
Signature of Election Specialist :			



- 7. When the number of signatures has been verified, you will reopen the Candidate Filing record and change the Nomination Status to Sufficient. (In some cases you may choose Insufficient or Sufficient with Supplemental).
- Enter the number of verified signatures in the Valid field.
- Make sure that the candidate has met all the requirements in the filing checklist before you change the Status Reason to Approved – Approved,
- 10. To print the WI Nomination Paper Verification:
 - a. Click the Quick Tasks button at the top of the Candidate Filings form and select Send Mailings.
 - b. In the Mailings dropdown, select **WI Nomination Paper Sufficiency**.
 - c. Click Next.
 - d. This mailing does not need to be filtered or sorted.
 - e. Check the **Printer Settings** and make sure that the document will be sent to the right printer.
 - f. Select the **Print Now** button and click **OK**.
 - g. A dialog box will appear asking "Did the mailing print successfully?" Click Yes. There will now be a record on the Activity Tab of the Candidate Filing record that the WI Nomination Paper Verification was printed.

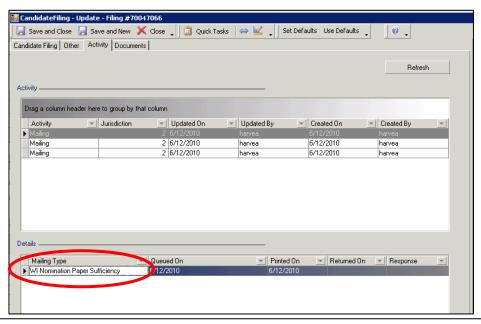








After you have printed all three types of Candidate Nomination Paper verification forms, you can go to the Activity Tab of the Candidate Filing record and verify that they were all printed. If you highlight one of the lines in the upper grid, you will see more information in the lower grid.







- h. A sample of the report is shown to the right. You will sign this document and transmit it to the candidate.
- i. Make sure that the candidate has met all the requirements in the filing checklist before you change the Status
 Reason to Approved Approved,
- Save and Close the Candidate Filing form.

Wisconsin Government Accountability Board Nathaniel E Robinson, Elections Division, Administrator 212 E WASHINGTON AVE P.O. BOX 7984 MADISON, WI 53707-7984 (608) 267-8005

Candidate ID #: ALLISON COAKLEY 1308 MATHYS RD MONONA, WI 53716

> This is to acknowledge receipt for the nomination papers of ALLISON COAKLEY
> FOR THE OFFICE OF ADAMS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

> > Special Election to be held July 5th, 2010

Party Affiliation: Non-Partisan
Nomination Papers filed June 3rd, 2010
Declaration of Candidacy filed June 3rd, 2010
Application for Public Funding filed (Not Filed)
Statement of Economic Interest filed (Not Filed)
Number of Valid Signatures: 382
This is number of valid signatures determined by the Government Accountability Board staff. This number is subject to challange within 3 business days following the deadline for filing nomination papers.
Verified By Date: May 12th, 2010
EB-152 (Rev. 5/2010) Nomination Paper Receipt No.: 2010GENEL-5



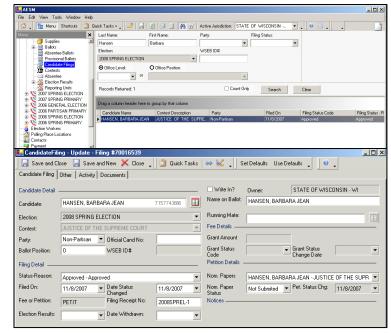
Search for and Update a Candidate Filing



You can search for and update a candidate filing. Perhaps you noticed a name misspelling and need to correct the spelling.

- Expand (+) the Elections node.
- 2. Expand (+) the current election.
- 3. Click the Candidate Filings node.
- 4. On the search pane, enter search criteria and click **Search**.
- 5. In the data grid, double-click on the row for the candidate record you wish to update.
- Make changes to the Candidate Filing record.
- 7. Click the Save and Close button.

Remember that once you have checked Milestone #3, you will be unable to change Contests and Candidates for that election. You must uncheck Milestone #3, make any changes, and recheck the milestone. If you are a county level user, and you need to change a contest or candidate, every municipality in your county must uncheck Milestone #3 before you can uncheck it at the county level.





Check Milestone #3 - Ballot Setup Finalized



Checking Milestone #3 for an election indicates that you have added all of your jurisdiction's Contests and Candidates. Once checked, you will not be able to change contests or candidates within the election without first unchecking Milestone #3.

In an election created by the State:

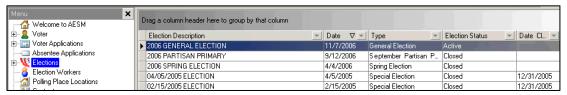
- Counties cannot check Milestone #3 until the state checks it.
- Counties cannot uncheck Milestone #3 until it is unchecked by all municipalities in the county.
- Municipalities cannot check Milestone#3 until it is checked by their county or counties.
- Municipalities can uncheck Milestone #3 at any time

In an election created by a County:

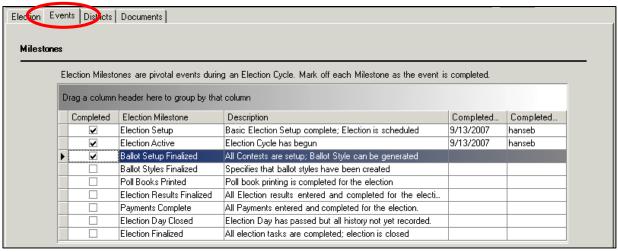
- Municipalities cannot check Milestone #3 until it is checked by the county.
- The county cannot uncheck Milestone #3 until it is unchecked by all municipalities in the county.

In an election created by a municipality:

- The creating municipality can check and uncheck Milestone #3 at any time.
- Click the Elections node.
- 2. In the data grid, double-click the row of the election for which you wish to check Milestone #3.



- 3. In the Election Update window, click the Events tab.
- In the row reading Ballot Setup Finalized in the Election Milestone Column, select the checkbox in the Completed column.



5. Click Save and Close.

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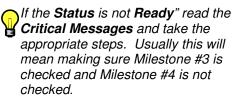
Generate Ballot Styles



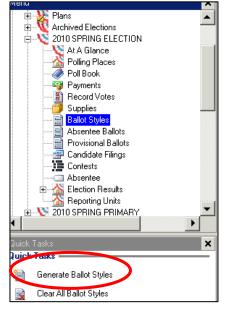
Ballot Style refers to the unique set of Contests and Candidates that will appear on a given voter's ballot. All voters with this exact same set of Contests and Candidates will have the same Ballot Style in SVRS. Two voters whose ballots differ by even one Contest will therefore require different Ballot Styles.

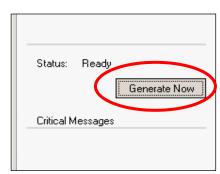
In SVRS, ballot styles are generated at the municipal level, regardless of whether that municipality has added any contests to the election. If a municipality does not generate ballot styles, the poll books printed for that election will not contain the names of any voters. Municipalities cannot generate ballot styles without first checking Milestone #3.

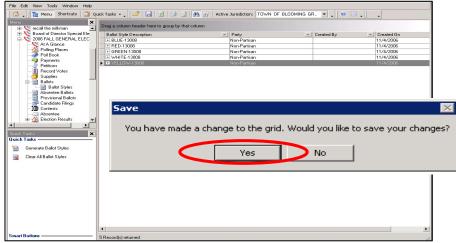
- 1. Expand (+) the Elections node.
- 2. Expand (+) the current election.
- 3. Click on the Ballot Styles node.
- 4. Click the Generate Ballot Styles
 Quick Task to open the Generate
 Ballot Styles pane.
- If Milestones #1, #2, and #3 are checked, the Status will be Ready. Click Generate Now.



- 6. Within a few moments, line(s) of ballot style descriptions will appear in the data grid. Each line on the grid represents a unique combination of contests and referenda.
- 7. Expand (+) each ballot style on the data. Verify that:
 - You have the correct number of ballot styles.
 - Each ballot style has the correct contests and candidates listed.







SVRS assigns a description (NP-1, NP-2, NP-3, etc.) to each ballot style. You can change this description by typing directly in the data grid. You cannot use a description that has been used before by yourself or any other user in the state. GAB suggests using a descriptive term followed by the HINDI number and election date, e.g. "BLUE-0200 -110706" or "SPVSR1-02002-040709." Put important information (like the color or ballot information) first, because the information at the end may be cut off on the poll list. After changing the description and clicking on a different node, you may get the message, "You have made a change to the grid. Would you like to save your changes?" Click Yes. The description prints on the poll book and can be helpful to the poll workers.



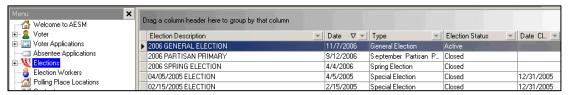
Check Milestone #4 - Ballot Styles Finalized



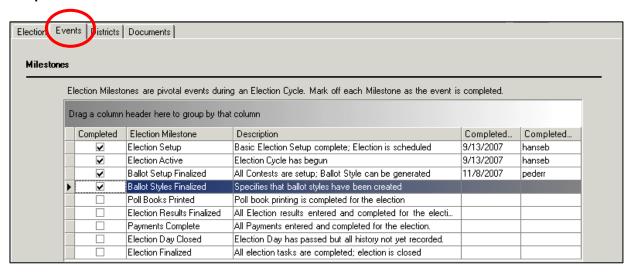
Checking Milestone #4 at the municipal level signifies that you have generated and double-checked your ballot styles, and are ready to generate absentee ballots and poll books.

Counties cannot check Milestone #4 until all municipalities in the county also have it checked. Counties should not check Milestone #4 until after an election, in order to allow municipalities greater flexibility in changing contests, candidates and ballot styles.

- 1. Click the Elections node.
- 2. In the data grid, double-click the row of the election for which you wish to check Milestone #4.



- 3. In the Election Update window, click the Events tab.
- 4. In the row reading **Ballot Styles Finalized** in the **Election Milestone Column**, select the check box in the **Completed** column.



5. Click Save and Close.

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